

CANADIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INCORPORATED
DIRECTORS MEETING
March 23, 2010, 8:00pm
C.R.P.U. HEAD OFFICE, TILLSONBURG, ONTARIO

Present: M. Collins,

Conference: M. van der Jagt, O. DeVries, T. Brown, J. Stevenson, V. Radoman, N. Oud

Next meeting:

Meeting called to order.

MOTION: T. Brown seconded by N. Oud to accept March 9, 2010 minutes as amended.

CARRIED

FINANCES: Nick Oud reported that finances are in order, papers have been signed to transfer all accounts to the TD Bank in Tillsonburg.

Deister is not offering a discount on large orders of bands and therefore no club or large order discount can be offered to the membership.

M. Collins reports that the invoice from Unikon has been received, product is selling rapidly, M. Collins has ordered further supplies to ensure stock is maintained.

ACTION: M. Collins is to follow-up with Diane or Barbara to confirm payment address and check on stock orders.

AWARDS: O. DeVries reports that everything is on track, it is anticipated that within 2 weeks, members should be able to start uploads.

ACTION: M. Collins to ensure the new Awards information is included in the next Newsletter.
How to educate others on how to use the new database was discussed.

ACTION: Simple directions are to be placed as a link on main page of site.

RULES: J. Stevenson discussed a letter received regarding CPFA band acceptance. This issue has arisen several times over the years and needs to be resolved.

ACTION: M. Collins to send J. Stevenson contact information so he can follow up and obtain a copy of the FCI rules in English

Members receiving bands with no paid 2010 membership – Monik reports that a few members that have not renewed membership have obtained 2010 bands with no intention of renewing membership.

ACTION: Monik to send an invoice to the club secretary that sold the bands with an explanation. This will be repeated with each similar situation that arises.

Policy on how long to keep band registration cards was discussed, Monik reports that cards have been kept for at least 20 years and they are taking up extra space. Everyone would like to see the files become electronic, a process for this will be discussed at a later date.

PROMOTIONS: Update on the International Plowing Match – Information has not yet been received on the cost for the event.

Canada Day National Race Proposal – A brief explanation of the race was discussed with different options and variations discussed. If the race is to be successful, plans should be underway very soon as much coordination is required. It was decided that this event is a great idea, but there is not enough time or energy to pull it off this year, it may be revisited and addressed in the future.

RACE PROGRAM: A member from Hamilton has reported that he experienced difficulty in downloading the WINBIRD program onto a 64 bit computer. Others express similar concerns. The developer was contacted and is working on this issue.

ACTION: Voyo Radoman will contact the member regarding his concerns to see if there has been any further testing on the program and any possible resolution.

WEBSITE/DATABASE: Invoice was accepted from Jason Berresford.

A concern was raised that if a bird is purchased the new owners club may not know the correct prefix, creating problems for the new club., Staff will advise the new owner of the correct prefix when the band is transferred. In addition, a list of all known prefixes will be posted on the website to assist new owners.

ACTION: Monik to respond to the member to let him know that the list of prefixes will be put on the website to assist with his concerns and a list will be distributed to the race secretaries and possibly place in the newsletter if it still continues to be a concern.

The directors look at the best way to confirm member's band registration and the future of awards system. A discussion took place around linking the band registration data to the database, this task will be achieved but no confirmation on cost or a date for this function to be completed.

Nick Oud says the 2010 young bird awards will check for registration against the database, they must be registered correctly

Discussion around Director involvement on the website was held. It was generally felt that Directors needed to put forth more effort in keeping up with the website. Directors should be monitoring and responding to questions and concerns on the site on a daily basis and responsibility for specific questions should be directly answered by the correct Director in a timely fashion. In the case of absence of a Director, others should fill in promptly. This new initiative has already drawn in a few members and it is felt that with proper attention, this feature will be very successful.

HEALTH: Poultry Small Flock Bio-security meetings. – An email was received from Sarah Thomson of The Poultry Industry Council in Guelph – They are looking for assistance in promoting their new programs on bio-security for small groups of poultry farmers and raisers and are offering advice and assistance to back yard breeders etc, to ensure safety and health issues are being addressed for both humans and animals. A discussion was held about the possible fringe benefits of working with this group. It is hoped that by working with groups such as this that the general public can be educated about the factual issues and the myths relating to health issues etc will be dispelled.

ACTION: Nick Oud and Mike van der Jagt will contact Sarah and invite her to submit information for the upcoming newsletter and invite her to present at the upcoming CU Convention in Stratford.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussion regarding the C.O.R.P.F response to the CU letter dated 25 MAR 2010 The elected Executives of the CORPF have asked the CU to help them clarify to their membership the CORPF rules and constitution and the role of the Executive and Directors of the CORPF.

ACTION Item: M. van der Jagt to draft a letter to send to all CORPF clubs.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Frank Waterfall inquired about the use of SalBac. Monik reports that this item is not available for wide distribution in Canada as it is only available in limited supply from a veterinarian for personal use. Monik will continue to investigate the issue and will report back to the board if licensing in Canada changes to allow this item to be sold.

ACTION: Monik will compose a letter to Frank Waterfall detailing the licensing barrier in Canada and will direct him to a veterinarian if he wishes to obtain a one time dose.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gilles Paquette – Letter regarding club application

A policy statement was circulated to assist with these issues now and to help eliminate these issues from arising in the future. It is thought that there needs to be more openness within the clubs and more work within clubs to resolve issues to retain club integrity, keep groups together and keep members appeased.

MOTION: It was moved by J. Stevenson seconded by Nick Oud to publish the policy statement with some minor wording changes. It will be published on the website along with a President's update.

CARRIED

New Supplier for drinker similar to the Conqueror - The CRPU received a letter from a mould company and has thought that it might be an opportunity to re-create a similar drinker to replace the Conqueror because it is no longer available. It is felt that the die is a significant investment and that it may not be a worthwhile investment. This item has been deferred

Trophies Donation – Jerry Wolfe has asked about donating trophies from a past member. It was decided that the trophies would not be suitable for use by the CRPU; however the Calgary Club would be pleased to accept them.

ACTION: Monik will forward the email to John who will handle the donation from there.

Voicemail on the CRPU phone line was discussed. It was agreed that the opportunity to leave a voicemail rather than getting a busy signal would add a more professional level to the office. Monik reports that the current contract is up in July, it was suggested that Monik contact the current provider and ask them to waive the installation fee, or find a new contractor that will provide a voicemail service.

Yearbook Error - North Winds Club – Monik reports that there was an error in the Young Birds Section, some races were missing, but billing was correct on it.

ACTION: A note will be published in the newsletter clarifying this; these will also be published in the 2010 book at no charge.

MOTION: A Motion to adjourn was made by John Stevenson and seconded by Nick Oud.

CARRIED